

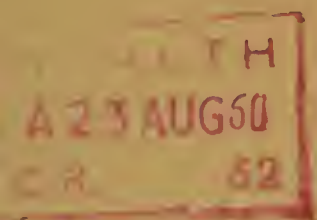
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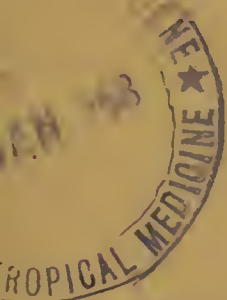
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# ANNUAL REPORT

Council Offices, Weybridge.

May, 1960.

To the Chairman and Members of the Chertsey Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report for the year 1959. The report has been prepared in accordance with the instructions of the Minister of Health in Circular 1/60.

The population of the Urban District at mid-year 1959 is estimated by the Registrar General to be 38,850, an increase from the previous year of 1,160. The natural increase of population from the excess of births over deaths was 381, so that 779 of the increase represented an influx of new population.

The adjusted birth-rate (which is a figure obtained by multiplying the crude birth-rate by a "comparability" factor designed to compensate for different age and sex distribution of the population) was 17.86 per 1,000 of the resident population as compared with 18.61 in 1958 and 16.50 for England and Wales in 1959.

The adjusted death-rate was 11.45 per 1,000, being below the death-rate for England and Wales of 11.6 in 1959. Out of 59 deaths from malignant disease 11, or 18 per cent., were due to cancer of the lung or bronchus. This gives a death-rate of 0.28 per 1,000 as compared with 0.45 in the previous year.

There has been a gradual fall over the last few years in the mortality from tuberculosis, being 0.05 for 1959 as compared with 0.08 for the previous year. Many factors, in addition to improving social conditions and recent advances in treatment, have contributed to this decrease. All samples of milk examined for the presence of the tubercle bacillus were negative and this is the second year that no cases of tuberculosis were found in cows after slaughter. The rapid decline in the incidence of tuberculosis of bones, joints and glands in the community is the result of the safe milk campaign.

The incidence of major infectious disease has been small. This is the fourteenth consecutive year that no cases of diphtheria have occurred in children.

Poliomyelitis vaccination was continued during the year for children and adults in the age group of six months to 26 years who were registered, and was also given to expectant mothers.

Finally, I wish to thank the Council for their help and consideration of all health problems and the staff for their ready assistance and co-operation.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

D. P. MACIVER,

*Medical Officer of Health.*

## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

### Public Health Officers of the Authority.

#### Medical Officer of Health:

D. P. MACIVER, M.C., T.D., M.D., D.P.H.

The Medical Officer of Health acts in a similar capacity for the Urban District of Walton and Weybridge and the Rural District of Bagshot.

#### Chief Public Health Inspector:

G. H. BIRCH, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

#### Additional Public Health Inspectors:

J. R. GREIG, M.A.P.H.I.

P. J. ADAMS, M.A.R.H.I.

Mr. G. H. Birch holds the Certificate of the Royal Society of Health and Public Health Inspectors' Examination Joint Board as Public Health Inspector and the Certificates of the Royal Society of Health as Inspector of Meat and Other Foods and as a Smoke Inspector.

Mr. J. R. Greig and Mr. P. J. Adams both hold the Certificate of the Royal Society of Health and Public Health Inspectors' Examination Joint Board as Public Health Inspectors and the Certificate of the Royal Society of Health as Inspectors of Meat and Other Foods.

#### Pests Officer:

G. A. SHERRIFFS.

#### Clerical Staff:

Office of the Medical Officer of Health.

Miss J. M. EGLON.

Miss Eglon is also responsible for the secretarial duties appertaining to the work of the Medical Officer of Health in the Urban District of Walton and Weybridge and the Rural District of Bagshot.

#### Office of the Public Health Inspector:

R. ELLERBY.

#### Address of Medical Officer of Health:

Council Offices,

Weybridge.

Tel.: Weybridge 3811.



## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Area in Acres ... ..  | 9,983         |
| Estimated resident population in July (estimate supplied by Registrar-General) ... .. | 38,850        |
| Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Books ...                                | 9,512         |
| Rateable Value ... ..   | £513,629      |
| A sum represented by a Penny Rate ... ..  | £2,050 (est.) |

### Committees concerned with matters of Public Health.

1. Public Health Committee.
2. Housing (General) Committee.
3. Housing (Tenants) Committee.
4. Special (Public Relations) Committee.

### Vital Statistics.

|  | 1958  | 1959  |
|--|-------|-------|
| Number of Births ... ..  | 754   | 746   |
| Birth-Rate per 1,000 of the population ... ..  | 20.01 | 19.20 |
| Birth-Rate (after correction by the Registrar-General's Comparability Factor) ... .. | 18.61 | 17.86 |
| Number of Still Births ... ..  | 12    | 9     |
| Still Birth-Rate per 1,000 total births ... ..                                       | 15.67 | 11.92 |
| Number of Deaths ... ..  | 311   | 365   |
| Death-Rate (actual) per 1,000 of the population ... ..                               | 8.25  | 9.39  |
| Death-Rate (after correction by the Registrar-General's Comparability Factor) ... .. | 9.66  | 11.45 |
| Natural increase of population during year by excess of births over deaths ... ..    | 443   | 381   |
| Number of deaths of infants under the age of one year ...                            | 15    | 21    |
| Infant Mortality per 1,000 live births ... ..  | 19.90 | 28.15 |
| Number of women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth                           | 1     | 1     |
| Death-Rate from Influenza per 1,000 of the population ...                            | 0.08  | 0.39  |
| Death-Rate from Pneumonia per 1,000 of the population ...                            | 0.56  | 0.62  |
| Death-Rate from Measles per 1,000 of the population ...                              | Nil   | Nil   |
| Death-Rate from Whooping Cough per 1,000 of the population                           | Nil   | Nil   |
| Death-Rate from all forms of Tuberculosis per 1,000 of the population ... ..         | 0.08  | 0.05  |
| Death-Rate from Cancer per 1,000 of the population ..                                | 1.54  | 1.52  |
| Death-Rate from Lung Cancer per 1,000 of the population ...                          | 0.45  | 0.28  |
| Death-Rate from Heart Disease per 1,000 of the population ...                        | 2.18  | 2.31  |



### Extract from Vital Statistics.

|   |     |     |     |     |     |              |                |               |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Live Births:  |     |     |     |     |     | <i>Male.</i> | <i>Female.</i> | <i>Total.</i> |
| Legitimate  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 378          | 333            | 711           |
| Illegitimate  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18           | 17             | 35            |
| Total live and still births   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...          | ...            | 755           |
| Infant Mortality per 1,000 legitimate births  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...          | ...            | 28.13         |
| Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births (first four weeks)   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...          | ...            | 21.45         |
| Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...          | ...            | 13.40         |
| Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...          | ...            | 25.16         |
| Illegitimate births percentage of total births  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...          | ...            | 4.7           |

The following table shows the birth and death rate per 1,000 of the population of the District, and England and Wales, for 1958 and 1959.

### COMPARATIVE BIRTH AND DEATH RATES.

|                       | Annual Rates per 1,000 of Population |        |            |        | Infantile Mortality per 1,000 live births |       | Maternal Mortality per 1,000 total births |      |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|------------|--------|---|-------|---|------|
|                       | Birth-Rate                           |        | Death-Rate |        |   |       |   |      |
|                       | 1958                                 | 1959   | 1958       | 1959   | 1958                                      | 1959  | 1958                                      | 1959 |
| Chertsey U.D. ...     | *18.61                               | *17.86 | *9.66      | *11.45 | 19.90                                     | 28.15 | 1.32                                      | 1.34 |
| England and Wales ... | 16.4                                 | 16.5   | 11.7       | 11.6   | 22.5                                      | 22.0  | 0.43                                      | 0.38 |

\*Corrected for age and sex distribution by Registrar-General's Comparability Factor.

### Infant Mortality.

The following table shows the cause of death in children under one year of age. Approximately 75 per cent of the deaths occurred in the first four weeks of life (neo-natal mortality) and were due mainly to prematurity and associated conditions.

| Cause of death                            | Under<br>1 week | 1—2<br>weeks | 2—3<br>weeks | 3—4<br>weeks | Total<br>number<br>under<br>1 month |
|---|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| Prematurity ... ..                        | 4               | —            | —            | —            | 4                                   |
| Prematurity with<br>associated conditions | 2               | —            | 1            | 1            | 4                                   |
| Atelectasis ... ..                        | —               | 1            | —            | —            | 1                                   |
| Congenital malforma-<br>tions ... ..      | 2               | 1            | —            | —            | 3                                   |
| Cerebral haemorrhage ...                  | 1               | —            | 1            | —            | 2                                   |
| Broncho-pneumonia ...                     | 1               | —            | —            | 1            | 2                                   |

| Cause of death           | 1—3<br>months | 4—6<br>months | 7—9<br>months | 10—12<br>months | Total<br>number<br>under<br>12 months |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Malnutrition ... ..      | 1             | —             | —             | —               | 1                                     |
| Pneumonia ... ..         | —             | 1             | 1             | —               | 2                                     |
| Enterocolitis ... ..     | 1             | —             | —             | —               | 1                                     |
| Congenital heart disease | 1             | —             | —             | —               | 1                                     |

## CAUSES OF DEATH.

|  | <i>Male.</i> | <i>Female.</i> | <i>Total.</i> |
|--|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Tuberculosis, respiratory ... ..               | 1            | 1              | 2             |
| Tuberculosis, other forms ... ..               | —            | —              | —             |
| Syphilitic diseases ... ..                     | —            | 1              | 1             |
| Diphtheria ... ..                              | —            | —              | —             |
| Whooping Cough ... ..                          | —            | —              | —             |
| Meningococcal infections ... ..                | —            | —              | —             |
| Acute Poliomyelitis ... ..                     | —            | —              | —             |
| Measles ... ..                                 | —            | —              | —             |
| Other infective and parasitic diseases ... ..  | —            | —              | —             |
| Malignant neoplasm, stomach ... ..             | 6            | 2              | 8             |
| Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ... ..      | 8            | 3              | 11            |
| Malignant neoplasm, breast ... ..              | —            | 5              | 5             |
| Malignant neoplasm, uterus ... ..              | —            | 1              | 1             |
| Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ... .. | 21           | 13             | 34            |
| Leukaemia, aleukaemia ... ..                   | 1            | 1              | 2             |
| Diabetes ... ..                                | 2            | 2              | 4             |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system ... ..      | 19           | 34             | 53            |
| Coronary disease, angina ... ..                | 24           | 16             | 40            |
| Hypertension with heart disease ... ..         | 2            | 3              | 5             |
| Other heart disease ... ..                     | 14           | 31             | 45            |
| Other circulatory disease ... ..               | 5            | 17             | 22            |
| Influenza ... ..                               | 10           | 5              | 15            |
| Pneumonia ... ..                               | 15           | 9              | 24            |
| Bronchitis ... ..                              | 18           | 2              | 20            |
| Other diseases of respiratory system ... ..    | 1            | 2              | 3             |
| Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ... ..           | 1            | 1              | 2             |
| Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ... ..      | 3            | —              | 3             |
| Nephritis and nephrosis ... ..                 | 2            | —              | 2             |
| Hyperplasia of prostate ... ..                 | 1            | —              | 1             |
| Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ... ..         | —            | 1              | 1             |
| Congenital malformations ... ..                | 4            | 3              | 7             |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases ... ..  | 13           | 21             | 34            |
| Motor vehicle accidents ... ..                 | 2            | —              | 2             |
| All other accidents ... ..                     | 9            | 7              | 16            |
| Suicide ... ..                                 | 2            | —              | 2             |
| Homicide and operations of war ... ..          | —            | —              | —             |
| ALL CAUSES ...                                 |              |                | 365           |

### Byelaws in force in the District.

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Byelaws in respect of New Streets ... .. | 1926 |
| "    "    Buildings ... ..               | 1953 |
| "    "    Common Lodging Houses ... ..   | 1899 |
| "    "    Nuisances ... ..               | 1899 |
| "    "    Slaughterhouses ... ..         | 1899 |
| "    "    Tents, Vans and Sheds ... ..   | 1936 |
| "    "    Hackney Carriages ... ..       | 1951 |
| "    "    Allotments ... ..              | 1907 |
| "    "    Offensive Trades ... ..        | 1935 |
| "    "    Food ... ..                    | 1950 |

## Laboratory Facilities.

The Public Health Laboratory is located at St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, and specimens relating to infectious diseases are sent there for examination and report. Specimens of an urgent nature, e.g., diphtheria swabs, can be examined at the laboratory at St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey.

Routine samples of milk and ice cream are examined at the Public Health Laboratory in Guildford.

## Ambulance Facilities.

The Ambulance Control Station for the North-West area of the County is located at Guildford Road, Chertsey (tel. Ottershaw 543).

The St. John Ambulance Brigade also provide an ambulance from London Street, Chertsey (tel. Chertsey 3220).

## Home Nursing and Midwifery.

The Surrey County Council maintains six whole-time trained nurses. Their addresses are as follows:—

|                     |   |  |                |
|---------------------|---|--|----------------|
| Miss E. M. Aldworth | } | 8, Weir Road,                                  |                |
| Miss M. A. Balchin  |   | Chertsey.                                      | Chertsey 3308  |
| Miss E. J. McCarthy | } | 13, Victory Park Road,                         |                |
| Miss C. Cantrill    |   | Addlestone.                                    | Weybridge 2084 |
| Miss M. McLellan    |   | 1, Lasswade Court, Pyrcroft<br>Road, Chertsey. | Chertsey 3586  |
| Miss MacPherson     |   | 52, Scotland Bridge Road,<br>New Haw.          | Byfleet 3660   |

## Health Visitors.

There are four County Health Visitors in the district who visit homes under the School Medical and Maternity and Child Welfare Services.

## Home Help Service.

The County Council maintains from its Divisional Offices in Woking a service for the provision of home helps in maternity cases, and for the purpose of giving assistance in homes when illness is present.

## Clinics and Treatment Centres.

The Surrey County Council have provided the following clinics and treatment centres under their School Medical Service and Maternity and Child Welfare Schemes:—

| Centre     | Address  | Clinic   | Day  |
|------------|--|--|--|
| Addlestone | S.C.C. Clinic,<br>Everleigh,<br>Crouch Oak Lane. | School Medical<br>Child Welfare<br>Ante-Natal<br>Dental        | Wed., Thurs.,<br>Friday a.m.<br>Every Fri., p.m.<br>Every Mon., p.m.<br>Every Fri.<br>a.m. and p.m.<br>Every Thurs. p.m.                   |
| Chertsey   | S.C.C. Clinic,<br>Stepgates.                     | School Medical<br>Child Welfare<br>Ante-Natal<br>Eye<br>Dental | Every Weds., a.m.<br>Every Thurs., p.m.<br>1st, 3rd and 5th<br>Fri. p.m.<br>1st and 3rd<br>Mon. a.m.<br>Mon., Tues., Wed.<br>a.m. and p.m. |
| New Haw    | S.C.C. Clinic,<br>175, Woodham<br>Lane.          | Child Welfare<br>School Medical<br>Ante-Natal<br>Dental        | Every Tues., p.m.<br>1st, 3rd and 5th<br>Wed. p.m.<br>2nd and 4th<br>Wed. p.m.<br>Mon., Tues., Wed.<br>and Thurs. a.m.<br>and p.m.         |
| Ottershaw  | Red Cross Hut,<br>Coach Road.                    | School Medical<br>& Child Welfare                              | Every Thurs., p.m.   |

Special clinics for dental and eye treatment are also held monthly, or as required.

## Chest Clinics.

The district is served by the Chest Clinic at St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, as follows:—

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| 3rd Tuesday | 5.30 p.m. |
| Thursdays   | 2.0 p.m.  |
| Fridays     | 9.30 a.m. |

## Venereal Disease.

The following clinics are held for any persons wishing to attend from this area:—

GUILDFORD: Royal Surrey County Hospital.

Males.—Tuesdays 5.0 to 7.0 p.m.

Females.—Mondays 3.0 to 7.0 p.m.

Thursdays 9.30 to 11.0 a.m.



KINGSTON: Kingston County Hospital, Wolverton Avenue.  
Females.—Thursdays 5.0 to 7.0 p.m.  
WOKING: Woking and District Victoria Hospital.  
Males.—Thursdays 5.0 to 7.0 p.m.

### **Hospitals.**

The district is served by the following hospitals:—

GENERAL.—St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey.

The Hospital, Weybridge.

MATERNITY.—Woking Maternity Home.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.—The Isolation Hospital, Ottershaw.

CHRONIC SICK HOSPITAL.—Ottershaw.

These Hospitals came under the control of the Woking and Chertsey Group Hospital Management Committee in July, 1948.

### **Geriatric Services and the Care of the Chronic Sick.**

There are 66 staffed chronic sick beds at Ottershaw, Northcroft (Egham) and Red Roses (Weybridge) where old persons who have become too frail or sick to fend for themselves may be looked after and rehabilitated as far as possible by physiotherapy, remedial exercises and occupational therapy.

Arrangements have also been made for daily admissions to these units for these services. Rotary admission whereby patients are admitted for two months and discharged home for four months has been introduced at Northcroft and Ottershaw. Temporary admissions, to enable persons looking after sick patients at home to have a holiday are also now arranged.

A convalescent home in the district is to be converted for chronic sick beds. The 130 extra beds so provided should meet the ever increasing demand for these services in the Woking and Chertsey Hospitals Group.

In October, 1958, the Regional Hospital Board and the Surrey County Council appointed a Geriatrician to assist with the care of the elderly sick in this area.

### **National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 47.**

No action was required to be taken by the Council under this Section.

### **National Assistance Act, 1948—Burial of the Dead.**

One burial under the above Act took place during the year.

### **Mortuaries.**

One mortuary is provided for the Urban District and is situated at the Council's Depot, Fordwater Road, Chertsey. A cold room and trolley hoist have been installed in recent years.



## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

### Water Supply.

The district is within the area of supply of the West Surrey Water Company. Samples of water as supplied by the Company are submitted to chemical and bacteriological examination.

During the year thirty-three samples were taken by the Public Health Department and submitted for bacteriological examination at the Public Health Laboratory at Guildford. All samples were of the required standard of bacteriological purity.

Three samples were taken by the Council's analyst and examined both bacteriologically and chemically. The results of analysis are tabulated below:

| Date sample taken.           | 5th May       | 6th July      | 5th Nov.     |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Organisms per ml. at 20°C.   |               |               |              |
| in 72 hours on agar ...      | 120           | 10            | Less than 1  |
| Organisms per ml. at 20°C.   |               |               |              |
| in 72 hours on gelatine ...  | 30            | 8             | Less than 1  |
| Organisms per ml. at 37.5°C. |               |               |              |
| in 48 hours on agar ...      | 8             | 6             | 4            |
|                              | Less than     | Less than     | Less than    |
| Coliform organisms ...       | 1 per 100 ml. | 1 per 100 ml. | 1 per 100ml. |

### Chemical Examinations in parts per 10,000.

|                           |       |       |       |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Free Ammonia ...          | 0.096 | 0.042 | 0.108 |
| Albuminoid Ammonia ...    | 0.240 | 0.006 | 0.120 |
| Oxygen consumed from per- |       |       |       |
| manganate (4 hours at     |       |       |       |
| 80°F.) ...                | 1.22  | 0.90  | 0.800 |

Samples of water supplied by the West Surrey Water Company to the Chertsey Urban District Council and the adjoining district of Walton and Weybridge are taken monthly at different points and analysed both chemically and bacteriologically. These results are reported monthly to the respective Councils. The results of analysis show that a satisfactory standard has been maintained throughout the year.

The Public Health Department takes samples of main water twice monthly so that a very frequent check is kept on the bacteriological and chemical condition of the main supply.

Approximate number of dwelling houses with main water,

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| supplied direct to the houses ...                        | 9,226  |
| Estimated population supplied direct ...                 | 34,874 |
| Approximate number supplied by means of standpipes ...   | 16     |
| Estimated population supplied by means of standpipes ... | 63     |

In addition, there are approximately 66 standpipes at various caravan sites, supplying a population of approximately 2,800.

### Pump or Well Supplies.

Twenty-three samples were collected from pumps and wells, with the following results:—

|                          | <i>Satisfactory.</i> | <i>Contaminated.</i> | <i>Total.</i> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| From dwelling houses ... | 2                    | 3                    | 5             |
| From camping sites ...   | 4                    | 14                   | 18            |
|                          | —                    | —                    | —             |
| Totals ...               | 6                    | 17                   | 23            |
|                          | —                    | —                    | —             |

As a result of representations made during 1958, main water was laid on to one large caravan site during the year; the provision of a main supply at a second site was being investigated at the end of the year.

### Drainage and Sewerage.

There have been no extensions to sewers within the district during 1959, with the exception of the normal extensions to new housing estates.

Work on the new main sewerage scheme at Lyne had not been commenced at the end of the year.

### Rivers and Streams.

Several cases of alleged pollution were investigated with the Thames Conservancy Officers. In several instances, waste pipes were found to be discharging into ditches or the River Bourne. These were rectified following joint representation.

### Closet Accommodation.

|                     |     |     |            | <i>Pail or<br/>Tub Closets.</i> | <i>"Elsan" type<br/>Closets.</i> |
|---------------------|-----|-----|------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Addlestone Ward ... | ... | ... | ...        | 12                              | 426                              |
| Chertsey Ward ...   | ... | ... | ...        | 20                              | 473                              |
| Outer Ward ...      | ... | ... | ...        | 52                              | 271                              |
| New Haw Ward ...    | ... | ... | ...        | 7                               | 8                                |
|                     |     |     |            | —                               | —                                |
|                     |     |     | Totals ... | 91                              | 1,178                            |
|                     |     |     |            | —                               | —                                |

The majority of the "Elsan" type closets are on caravan sites and houseboats.

One hundred and twenty-one closets were emptied weekly under the supervision of the Chief Public Health Inspector. This work is carried out by means of Cesspool Emptiers adapted for the purpose.

**Public Cleansing.**

Street Cleansing and the disposal of house and trade refuse and salvage are under the supervision of the Engineer and Surveyor, who has supplied the following details: —

| <i>Salvaged materials sold during the year:</i> |     |     |     |     |     | tons | cwts. |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|
| Waste paper                                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 157  | 13    |
| Ferrous Metals                                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3    | 19    |
| Rags  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1    | 5     |
| Non-Ferrous Metals                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —    | 1     |

**Cesspool Emptying.**

This work is carried out under the supervision of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

Three 750-gallon Dennis Cesspool Emptiers and one 750/800-gallon Bedford Cesspool Emptier are in use whole-time, each vehicle being specially equipped for dealing with the contents of pail closets.

|   |     |     |     |     |  |  |                   |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|--|-------------------|
| During the year the following work was carried out: —                         |     |     |     |     |  |  |                   |
| Number of houses where cesspools were emptied                                 | ... |     |     |     |  |  | 556               |
| Number of institutions, business premises, etc., where cesspools were emptied | ... | ... | ... | ... |  |  | 31                |
| Number of loads removed from private houses                                   | ... |     |     |     |  |  | 8,578             |
| Number of loads removed from institutions, etc.                               | ... |     |     |     |  |  | 966 $\frac{3}{4}$ |

|                              |     |     |     |     |  |                       |          |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|-----------------------|----------|
| Total volume removed from: — |     |     |     |     |  |                       |          |
| Private houses               | ... | ... | ... | ... |  | 6,433,500             | gallons. |
| Institutions, etc.           | ... | ... | ... | ... |  | 725,062 $\frac{1}{2}$ | gallons. |

As has been the trend for some years, the number of cesspools continues to increase and the number of loads removed is the highest ever recorded.

## PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

### Report by the Chief Public Health Inspector.

|  |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Dwelling houses inspected under the Housing (Consolidated)       |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| Regulations  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 32    |
| Dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under the Public   |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| Health Act   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 365   |
| Dwelling houses visited with respect to water supply             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 58    |
| Dwelling houses inspected with respect to drainage, closet       |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| accommodation and bath accommodation                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 184   |
| Premises inspected other than above, including inspections on    |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| complaint, enquiries re infectious disease, etc.                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,005 |
| Visits to houses with respect to infestation or dirty conditions | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 41    |
| Visits to houses re dustbins                                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25    |
| Visits re nuisance from smoke, etc.                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 88    |
| Visits to houses for purpose of examination of bedding and       |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| furniture of prospective tenants for houses                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 117   |
| Premises inspected as regards accommodation and over-            |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| crowding   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 32    |
| Inspections of Meat at Slaughterhouses                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 436   |
| Inspections of Dairies   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20    |
| Inspections of Food at Shops                                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 70    |
| Inspections of Knackers Yard and Slaughterhouses                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 22    |
| Inspections of Offensive Trade Premises                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8     |
| Inspections of Factories   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 153   |
| Inspections of Common Lodging House                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7     |
| Inspections of Ice Cream Stores, etc.                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 76    |
| Inspections of Tents, Vans, etc.                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 340   |
| Inspections of Ponds, etc., re Mosquito control                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8     |
| Inspections of Food Premises (Hygiene)                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 412   |
| Inspections under Shop Acts                                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 155   |
| Inspections under Rent Act, 1957                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 128   |
|  |     |     |     |     |     |     | 3,782 |
|  |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| Re-inspections   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 875   |
|  |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| Total  |     |     |     |     |     |     | 4,657 |

### Other Matters.

|   |     |     |     |     |     |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Number of complaints received                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 296 |
| Number of rooms disinfected after cases of infectious disease | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11  |
| Number of verminous rooms cleansed                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20  |
| Number of samples of Ice Cream taken for analysis             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 51  |
| Number of Iced Lollies taken for analysis                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6   |
| Number of samples of Milk taken for analysis                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 56  |
| Number of samples of Water taken for analysis                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 56  |



**Preliminary Notices.**

|   |     |     |     |     |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Number of Preliminary Notices served                      | ... | ... | ... | 129 |
| Number of Preliminary Notices complied with               | ... | ... | ... | 94  |
| (This number includes premises dealt with prior to 1959.) |     |     |     |     |

**Statutory Notices.****PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936.**

| Section | Served | Complied with | Work executed by<br>L.A. in default |
|---------|--------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| 39      | 9      | 5             | —                                   |
| 45      | 2      | 1             | 1                                   |
| 75      | —      | —             | —                                   |
| 93      | 15     | 13            | —                                   |

**HOUSING ACT, 1957.**

| Section | Served | Complied with | Work executed by<br>L.A. in default |
|---------|--------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| 9       | —      | 2             | —                                   |

**CHERTSEY U.D.C. ACT, 1956.**

| Section | Served | Complied with | Work executed by<br>L.A. in default |
|---------|--------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| 41      | 2      | 2             | —                                   |

|          |     |   |   |
|----------|-----|---|---|
| Nuisance |     |   |   |
| Bye-laws | ... | — | — |

(The number includes Notices served prior to 1959.)

**Defects remedied and work carried out as a result of the  
Public Health Inspector's representations.**

|   |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Roofs repaired                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 28 |
| Eaves-gutters repaired                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 19 |
| Rainwater pipes repaired or replaced          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9  |
| Means of disposal provided for rainwater      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3  |
| Chimneys repaired                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| External walls repaired                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 |
| Windows repaired                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 |
| Window sills repaired                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6  |
| Sashcords provided                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14 |
| Damp proof courses provided                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Doors repaired                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Soil removed away from walls                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2  |
| Window and door fasteners repaired or renewed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9  |
| External walls treated or rendered            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5  |
| Floors repaired                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13 |
| Stair treads repaired                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3  |

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Food stores provided ... ..                        | 2  |
| Oversite concrete provided ... ..                  | 2  |
| Plastering to walls repaired ... ..                | 15 |
| Ceilings repaired ... ..                           | 12 |
| Natural lighting improved ... ..                   | 1  |
| Exterior of premises painted ... ..                | 8  |
| Ventilation improved ... ..                        | 6  |
| Grates and stoves renewed or repaired ... ..       | 14 |
| Sub-floor ventilation improved ... ..              | 3  |
| Sink waste pipes renewed or repaired ... ..        | 6  |
| Drains repaired or cleansed ... ..                 | 26 |
| Cesspools provided or repaired ... ..              | 2  |
| W.C's repaired ... ..                              | 19 |
| Dustbins provided ... ..                           | 2  |
| Yards paved or repaired ... ..                     | 4  |
| Offensive accumulations removed ... ..             | 9  |
| Premises connected to main drainage ... ..         | 1  |
| Rooms, passages and staircases re-decorated ... .. | 12 |

### Factories Act, 1937.

One hundred and fifty-three inspections of factories were made during the year and attention called to defects and want of cleansing, etc.

Work carried out as follows:—

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Sanitary conveniences cleansed ... ..                        | 1 |
| Sanitary conveniences repaired ... ..                        | 7 |
| Sanitary conveniences provided ... ..                        | 1 |
| Artificial lighting to sanitary conveniences provided ... .. | 1 |
| Ventilation improved to workroom ... ..                      | 2 |
| Other matters remedied ... ..                                | 6 |

### 1.—Inspections.

| Premises  | Number on Register | Number of   |                 |                      |
|---|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|
|   |                    | Inspections | Written Notices | Occupiers prosecuted |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... ..                     | 3                  | 4           | —               | —                    |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ... ..                     | 133                | 123         | 6               | —                    |
| (iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ... .. | 20                 | 26          | —               | —                    |
| TOTAL ...   | 156                | 153         | 6               | —                    |



2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

| Particulars   | Number of cases in which defects were found |          |                   |                   | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted |
|---|---|----------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
|   | Found                                       | Remedied | Referred          |                   |   |
|   |   |          | To H.M. Inspector | By H.M. Inspector |   |
| Want of cleanliness   | —   | —        | —                 | —                 | —   |
| Overcrowding ...  | —   | —        | —                 | —                 | —   |
| Unreasonable temperature ...  | —   | —        | —                 | —                 | —   |
| Inadequate ventilation  | —   | 2        | —                 | —                 | —   |
| Ineffective drainage of floors ...  | —   | —        | —                 | —                 | —   |
| Sanitary Conveniences   |   |          |                   |                   |   |
| (a) Insufficient ...  | 3   | 1        | —                 | 1                 | —   |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective ...   | 8   | 7        | —                 | 3                 | —   |
| (c) Not separate for sexes ...  | —   | —        | —                 | —                 | —   |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) | 12  | 11       | —                 | —                 | —   |
| TOTAL ...   | 23  | 21       | —                 | 4                 | —   |

(Defects remedied includes premises dealt with prior to 1959.)

Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

| Nature of Work                | Section 110   |   |   | Section 111                                       |                |              |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----------------|--------------|
|                               | No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c) | No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council | No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists | No. of instances of work in un-wholesome premises | Notices served | Prosecutions |
| Wearing apparel: Making, etc. | 7   | nil   | nil   | nil   | nil            | nil          |

### **Premises and Occupations which can be controlled by Byelaws or Regulations.**

The one Common Lodging House in the district is situated in the Chertsey Ward, and is registered to accommodate forty-three lodgers. During the year, seven visits were made to the premises which were found to be conducted in a satisfactory manner and to comply with the byelaws.

A considerable number of tent and van dwellers continue to visit the district during the year and encamp on various lands for variable periods. Many of these are engaged on agricultural work for farmers within the district.

### **Clean Air.**

Eighty-eight visits and inspections were made during the year, and six cases of alleged nuisance from smoke and dust were dealt with. Alternative methods of disposing of industrial waste produced desired improvements in three cases.

### **Eradication of Bed Bugs, etc.**

Five cases of infestation in Council houses and two in private premises were dealt with during the year, the necessary disinfection being carried out by the Department.

### **School Canteens.**

The spraying of school canteens was undertaken for the County Council, twelve canteens being treated against flies in the early summer.

A heavy infestation in a canteen of gooseberry or clover mites was also dealt with.

## Pest Control.

A Pests Officer is engaged whole-time on this work and the Ministry's recommended methods of control and disinfection are employed. The following table summarises the work carried out during the year under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949:—

| TYPE<br>OF<br>PROPERTY       | RECORD OF COMPLAINTS                              |      |  |       |      |                           | RECORD OF DISTRICT SURVEY                              |  |       |       | TREATMENT                                    |      | Number of<br>premises<br>awaiting<br>treatment<br>at end of<br>year | Total visits<br>re survey,<br>complaints<br>and<br>treatments |
|------------------------------|---|------|--|-------|------|---------------------------|--|--|-------|-------|--|------|---|---|
|                              | Number of<br>complaints<br>of infesta-<br>tion by |      | Number of<br>premises found<br>infested by |       |      | Number<br>not<br>infested | Number of<br>premises<br>inspected<br>during<br>survey | Number of<br>premises found<br>to be infested by |       |       | Number of<br>treatments<br>carried out<br>by |      |   |   |
|                              |   |      |  |       |      |                           |  |  |       |       |  |      |   |   |
|                              | Rats  | Mice | Major                                      | Minor | Rats |                           |  | Mice   | Major | Minor | Rats   | Mice |   |   |
| Local<br>Authority ...       | —   | 1    | —  | —     | 1    | —                         | 12   | —  | 4     | —     | 5  | —    | —   | 29  |
| Dwelling<br>Houses ...       | 83  | 14   | —  | 83    | 14   | —                         | 841  | —  | 15    | —     | 112  | —    | 1   | 1375  |
| Business<br>Premises, etc.   | 40  | 12   | 2  | 38    | 12   | —                         | 744  | 2  | 34    | 6     | 104  | —    | 2   | 1293  |
| Agricultural<br>Premises ... | —   | —    | —  | —     | —    | —                         | 48   | —  | 6     | —     | 3  | 3    | —   | 67  |
| TOTALS                       | 123   | 27   | 2  | 121   | 27   | —                         | 1645   | 2  | 59    | 6     | 224  | 3    | 3   | 2764  |

The State Scheme, operated by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for dealing with infestations on agricultural properties, ceased at the end of March, Local Authorities thus becoming responsible for administering the Act at all types of premises in their Districts, from the 1st April.

Test-baiting of the sewers was carried out in September, 104 baits being laid. A small infestation of rats in a branch sewer at New Haw was discovered and dealt with.

**Rag Flock Act, 1951.**

Flock used by upholsterers in the area is guaranteed to meet the requirements of the Rag Flock Act. Flock removed from old bedding and upholstered furniture is destroyed.

There are five premises in the district registered under the above Act.

**Pet Animals Act, 1951.**

Four licences were granted during the year.

**Swimming Pools.**

There are no private swimming pools in the district to which the public are admitted. The Council have provided and maintain a bathing pavilion with accommodation for males and females, on the north bank of the River Thames near Chertsey Bridge; during the summer months an attendant is also provided.

**Schools.**

There are thirteen County Primary schools, four secondary schools, one Grammar school, four Boys' Colleges and several private schools within the district. All obtain their drinking water from the main supply of the West Surrey Water Company.

One Council school and one Boys' College are provided with cesspool drainage, one Boys' College is drained on the septic tank system, one Boys' College and two private schools are provided with a complete private drainage system, and the remainder all have main drainage.

**Housing Act, 1957—Overcrowding.**

All cases of overcrowding coming to notice are referred to the Housing Committee for rehousing as and when accommodation becomes available.

**Housing.**

At the end of the year, one thousand, three hundred and ninety-nine new houses had been completed by the Local Authority since 1945. There were in course of erection 68 Council houses and flats. Fifty-two family units were rehoused in Council houses or requisitioned houses. There still remains a waiting list of nine hundred and twenty-six applicants. The ever increasing demand for craftsmen and skilled labour by new trading estates and adjacent factories keeps this figure at a consistently high level.

Special consideration is given to the rehousing of families where there is an infectious and notified case of tuberculosis and where there are young children at risk, the aim being to give each infectious case a separate bedroom.



### Housing Act, 1957, Parts II and III.

During the year, nine Demolition and one Closing Orders were made, twelve families were re-housed, and six houses were demolished.

In one case, a dwelling house, subject to a Closing Order, was re-conditioned, and the Order was determined.

### Rent Act, 1957.

Twenty-five applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received and the following table indicates the position regarding applications at the end of the year: —

| Applications for Certificates Received | Notices of Proposal to issue Certificates served | Cases where work carried out after notice of proposal | Undertakings to carry out work received |                | Certificates issued | Applications for cancellation of Certificates received | Certificates cancelled |
|--|--|---|---|----------------|---------------------|--|------------------------|
|  |  |   | Satisfactory                            | Unsatisfactory |                     |  |                        |
| 25                                     | 24   | Nil   | 15                                      | Nil            | 7                   | 3  | 6                      |

In addition, ten applications for Certificates under paragraph 8, First Schedule, were received and fourteen were issued.

(Figures include applications received prior to 1959.)

### Caravan Sites.

The use of caravans for permanent or semi-permanent dwellings continues to cause concern in the district. At the end of the year there were twenty sites, ranging from 300 caravans to under five caravans and making a total of approximately 1,400 caravans. Approximately fifty per cent of these were on authorised sites, 500 on existing user sites, and just over 400 on unauthorised sites.

Stricter control of caravan sites is advocated in the interests of health, particularly of young children. Caravan sites in the Thames Valley are often dependent on well water supply. Frequent sampling is necessary to ensure that the source is reasonably safe, or whether sterilisation prior to use is advisable.

Caravans are not considered suitable accommodation for young children. The whole standard of living is inevitably lowered. The incidence of complications following measles and whooping cough appears to be higher than under normal housing conditions and removal to hospital is desirable.

The incidence of bronchitis and pneumonia is also higher. This may be due to overcrowding and damp atmospheric conditions following on condensation and irregular and poor ventilation in inclement weather. Complaint of rheumatism is more frequently encountered and flooding on the site occurs from time to time. The absence of

facilities for drying clothes may precipitate rheumatic disease and adversely affect health and welfare.

The above conditions are particularly noticeable on unauthorised sites, where sewage and refuse disposal arrangements are unsatisfactory and where there are few, if any, amenities. It is difficult to produce firm statistics on the above as this caravan population is frequently on the move, and also, in recent years, there has been such a marked decline in the incidence of infectious and notifiable diseases. It is estimated that there are in the district approximately 400 caravans on unauthorised sites amounting to over 1,200 residents.

The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Bill, when it comes into force, should ensure that no unauthorised sites are established, but the problem still remains of providing better accommodation for those already on these unsatisfactory sites.

#### **Brackendene Site.**

This site of 160 caravans was taken over by the Council during the year, with the intention of gradually running it down in numbers in the course of the next few years.

#### **Mead Lane Site.**

There are 200 caravans on this site. Several improvements were carried out during the year. This site is provided with ablution and sanitary facilities to the Council's standard.

#### **Childown Hall Site.**

This site is on land belonging to the Ministry of Works. It was not found possible to vacate the site in six months as originally intended. Additional sanitary facilities have been provided.

#### **Ada's Farm, Lyne Lane.**

It was not possible to continue the service of Enforcement Notices on this unauthorised site as the owner could not be traced. Statutory Notices have meanwhile been served on the tenants.

#### **Twynersh Farm, St. Ann's Road.**

This site has been run down from approximately 200 caravans to 133. A conviction has been obtained for non-compliance with Enforcement Notices and daily penalties can now be sought.

#### **Mixnams Farm.**

This existing user site of 300 caravans is in course of redevelopment; a main water supply with ablution and sanitary blocks are being provided.



**Rose Cottage Orchard, Brox Lane.**

The owner has agreed to instal a main water supply on this existing user site.

**Municipal Caravan Site.**

The acquisition of land for a municipal caravan site, to which improperly sited caravans could be directed, was under consideration by the Council. It was decided that a site at Heathervale, New Haw, was suitable for one hundred caravans and it is hoped that work will be commenced in the near future.

# INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

## Milk Supply.

Under the Milk and Dairies Regulations of 1949 the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is responsible for the supervision of clean milk production on the farm.

When unsatisfactory and unhygienic conditions are found on dairy farms on inspection by the Medical Officer of Health, these cases are reported to the County Inspector for necessary action.

## Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1949.

Licences were issued as follows:—

### DEALERS' LICENCES.

|                        |     |     |     |     |    |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Tuberculin Tested Milk | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9  |
| Pasteurised Milk       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14 |
| Sterilised Milk        | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 |

### SUPPLEMENTARY LICENCES.

|                        |     |     |     |     |   |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Tuberculin Tested Milk | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Pasteurised Milk       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Sterilised Milk        | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |

## Milk Samples.

Fifty-six samples of Milk were collected as follows:—

|                            | <i>Collected<br/>at Dairies.</i> | <i>Collected<br/>on Delivery.</i> | <i>Total.</i> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Pasteurised Milk ...       | 7                                | 49                                | 56            |
| Tuberculin Tested Milk ... | —                                | —                                 | —             |
| Sterilised Milk ...        | —                                | —                                 | —             |

All the samples were satisfactory.

All milk produced and retailed in the district is now “specially designated,” that is, pasteurised, sterilised or tuberculin tested. This Milk Order came into operation in 1954. Tests are regularly carried out on samples to ensure purity and adequate pasteurisation.

## Milk Production.

Nine Cowkeepers were producing milk for sale, as follows:—

### Tuberculin Tested Milk.

Mrs. G. E. M. Phillips, Grovers Farm, West Byfleet.

Mrs. E. M. Cannon, Fan Court Gardens, Longcross.

Mr. W. D. Vernon, Anningsley Park, Ottershaw.

Mr. A. E. Cawley, Home Farm, Ottershaw Park, Ottershaw.  
 Mr. V. Hatton, Almnors Farm, Lyne.  
 Mr. A. E. Packer, Elm Farm, Lyne.  
 Mr. A. Seys, Hardwick Court Farm, Chertsey.  
 Mrs. A. Smith, Crockford Bridge Farm, Addlestone.  
 Mr. R. Mann, Woburn Park Farm, Addlestone.

## Meat.

There were two licensed slaughterhouses in the district at the beginning of the year, but the small one at the local hospital was not re-licensed and there was therefore only one in use at the end of the year. The number of animals killed here was less than for some years, and Sunday killing was much reduced.

The report required by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, under the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958, on slaughtering facilities and requirements in the district, was almost ready for submission at the end of the year.

Co-operative relations have continued to exist between the trade and the Local Authority and its Officers. A large percentage of the animals killed has been consigned to the London Markets.

Four hundred and thirty-six visits were made to the main slaughterhouse during the year for the purpose of examination of carcasses and offals.

The following were the number inspected:—

Cattle, 622. Calves, 255. Sheep, 2,561. Pigs, 6,516.

The total weight of meat, etc., condemned was 10,097 lbs. This figure includes two parts of beef carcasses affected with tuberculosis.

The following are details of Meat, etc., condemned:—

| BEASTS:— |                               |     |     |     |     | lbs.  |
|----------|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 2        | Parts of Carcasses            | ... | ... | ... | ... | 71    |
| 12       | Heads and Tongues             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 389   |
| 115      | Livers and Parts of 89 Livers | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,024 |
| 23       | Lungs                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 154   |
| 11       | Melts                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17    |
| 1        | Stomach                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14    |
| 2        | Tongues                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7     |
| 2        | Kidneys                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3     |
| 7        | Hearts                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | 29    |
| 7        | Skirts                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17    |
| 2        | Mesenteries                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20    |
| 4        | Carcasses                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,267 |

|                       |     |     |     |     |     |     | lbs.        |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|
| CALVES:—              |     |     |     |     |     |     |             |
| 2 Carcases            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 110         |
| 5 Plucks              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 29          |
| 2 Heads               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18          |
| PIGS:—                |     |     |     |     |     |     |             |
| 116 Heads and Tongues | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,755       |
| 6 Carcases            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 389         |
| 27 Parts of Carcases  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 551         |
| 116 Plucks            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 698         |
| 567 Lungs             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 300         |
| 282 Livers            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 680         |
| 5 Mesenteries         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 68          |
| 1 Stomach             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4           |
| 25 Hearts             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11          |
| 83 Tops               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 187         |
| 32 Kidneys            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 48          |
| SHEEP:—               |     |     |     |     |     |     |             |
| 11 Carcases           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 477         |
| 7 Parts of Carcases   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18          |
| 11 Heads and Tongues  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 50          |
| 15 Plucks             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 74          |
| 293 Livers            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 585         |
| 3 Stomachs            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8           |
| 4 Tops                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5           |
| 3 Mesenteries         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6           |
|                       |     |     |     |     |     |     | <hr/>       |
|                       |     |     |     |     |     |     | lbs. 10,097 |
|                       |     |     |     |     |     |     | <hr/>       |

## Carcases Inspected and Condemned

|   | Cattle<br>excluding<br>Cows | Cows   | Calves | Sheep<br>and<br>Lambs | Pigs   |
|---|-----------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------------|--------|
| Number killed (if known ...)  | 549                         | 73     | 255    | 2,561                 | 6,516  |
| Number inspected  | 549                         | 73     | 255    | 2,561                 | 6,516  |
| ALL DISEASES<br>EXCEPT TUBERCU-<br>LOSIS AND<br>CYSTICERCI:<br>Whole carcases<br>condemned ...                    | 1                           | 3      | 2      | 11                    | 6      |
| Carcases of which<br>some part or<br>organ was con-<br>demned ...   | 191                         | 22     | 3      | 310                   | 844    |
| Percentage of the<br>number inspec-<br>ted affected with<br>disease other<br>than tuberculo-<br>sis and cysticeri | 34.97%                      | 34.24% | 1.96%  | 12.53%                | 13.04% |
| TUBERCULOSIS<br>ONLY:<br>Whole carcases<br>condemned ...  | —                           | —      | —      | —                     | —      |
| Carcases of which<br>some part or<br>organ was con-<br>demned ...   | 2                           | —      | —      | —                     | 7      |
| Percentage of the<br>number inspec-<br>ted affected with<br>tuberculosis ...                                      | 0.36%                       | —      | —      | —                     | 1.79%  |
| CYSTICERCOSIS:<br>Carcases of which<br>some part or<br>organ was con-<br>demned ...                               | 6                           | —      | —      | —                     | —      |
| Carcases submit-<br>ted to treatment<br>by refrigeration  | 6                           | —      | —      | —                     | —      |
| Generalised and<br>totally con-<br>demned ...   | —                           | —      | —      | —                     | —      |

It is interesting to note that, for the second successive year, there was no incidence of tuberculosis in cows.



## **Disposal of Meat Unfit for Human Consumption.**

The largest percentage is now disposed of by burial at the Council's tip. A small percentage of such meat, not specifically diseased, was released for animal feeding.

## **Shops Act, 1950.**

One hundred and fifty-five visits were made during the year, no contraventions of Closing Hours being discovered.

The following repairs or improvements were carried out:—

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Heating facilities provided ... ..    | 2 |
| Sanitary conveniences provided ... .. | 2 |
| Washing facilities provided ... ..    | 8 |
| Sanitary conveniences cleansed ... .. | 1 |

## **Food and Drugs Act, 1955.**

### **Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955.**

The Public Health Department have continued during the year to press for further improvements and repairs to premises, and replacement of defective equipment and utensils. We have found the Food Hygiene Regulations of great help in effecting this but we realise that no lasting good can materialise unless we continue to visit all types of food premises and give constructive criticism and advice. These visits offer also an opportunity of pressing home to managers and employees matters of personal hygiene in relation to food handling.

There is the matter of window display and display of food not under glass on a counter. The interpretation of the regulations is a matter of opinion as to whether the food is under risk of contamination, and this is where some food traders do not always see our point of view. In four cases, however, we were able to secure protective display counters.

The Public Health Department was also able to secure the provisions of both sinks and wash hand basins in many cases. It is sometimes difficult to get food traders to realise the necessity of these in the prevention of cross infection. In this connection swabs from various utensils in use at canteens and cafes were taken and with only a few exceptions all showed a satisfactory bacterial count.

The provision of First Aid equipment was secured in two cases. It is obligatory for food handlers with any cuts or abrasions to keep them covered with a waterproof dressing.

It is equally important for the general public to realise that if they expect a high standard of hygiene in shops and restaurants and let this be known they will get it. With a discerning public a shop, unmindful of hygiene, will soon lose trade.



Four hundred and twelve visits were made in connection with hygiene in food premises, 43 preliminary notices were served, requiring works to be carried out, thirty-nine were complied with, this latter figure including notices served prior to 1959.

The following improvements were carried out during the year:—

|  |     |     |     |     |    |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Water supply provided                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7  |
| Food rooms repaired                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13 |
| Food rooms re-decorated                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13 |
| Constant hot water provided                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25 |
| Washbasins provided                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7  |
| Sinks provided                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9  |
| Protective display cases provided          | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4  |
| Sanitary conveniences repaired or cleansed | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5  |
| Ventilation improved                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3  |
| Clothing lockers provided                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4  |
| Refrigeration plant provided               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2  |
| First Aid equipment provided               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2  |
| Other matters remedied                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4  |

Number of Food Premises in the Area:—

|                                      |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Greengrocers                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 26 |
| Cafes                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 19 |
| Ice-cream Manufacturers              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2  |
| Confectioners (Ice-cream and Sweets) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 36 |
| General Stores                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 89 |
| Butchers                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 27 |
| Fishmongers and Fish Fryers          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13 |
| Canteens                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 22 |
| Bakers and Confectioners             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14 |
| Dairies                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4  |
| Licensed Houses and Clubs            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 52 |
| Food Factories                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2  |

Number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act:—

|  |     |     |     |
|--|-----|-----|-----|
| Sausage and Pressed Meat Manufacturers | ... | ... | 20  |
| Ice-Cream Stores and Manufacturers     | ... | ... | 113 |

Number of Dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949/58:—

|         |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Dairies | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14 |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|

## Unsound Food.

Seventy inspections of food in shops were made during the year, the following being details of the food found to be unsound and unfit for human consumption:—

|                              | lbs. |
|------------------------------|------|
| Beef ... ..                  | 15½  |
| Pork ... ..                  | 2½   |
| Fresh Fish ... ..            | 40   |
| Pig's Livers ... ..          | 14   |
| Bacon ... ..                 | 35   |
| Lamb ... ..                  | 18   |
| 16 Tins Luncheon Meat ... .. | 43½  |
| 1 Tin Ox Tongue ... ..       | 12   |
| 12 Tins Ham or Ham ... ..    | 135  |
| 6 Tins Tomatoes ... ..       | 26½  |
| 1 Tin Steak ... ..           | 1    |
| 3 Tins Peas ... ..           | 25   |
| 37 Tins Fruit ... ..         | 193  |
| 11 Tins Corned Beef ... ..   | 58¾  |

All condemned food from shops is disposed of by burying at the Council's Refuse Tip.

## Sale or Manufacture of Ice-cream.

There are one hundred and thirteen premises on the Register, two premises being used for the manufacture of ice-cream. The remaining premises are used for the retail sale only of ice-cream.

During the year, 76 visits were made to registered premises and, where necessary, attention was called for improvements.

Fifty-one samples of ice-cream were collected for analysis, with the following results:—

|       |      |     |     |     |     |
|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Grade | I.   | ..  | ..  | ... | 46  |
| „     | II.  | ..  |     | .   | 5   |
| „     | III. | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| „     | IV.  | ... | ... | ... | Nil |

These grades refer to the degree of bacteriological purity. Grades I and II are considered of a satisfactory standard. When samples fall into Grades III and IV a careful check is made at the plants concerned and manufacturers are advised on cleansing, sterilisation and hygienic preparation.

In addition, six iced lollies were collected and found to be of a satisfactory standard.

# Food and Drugs Acts, 1938-1950.

The administration of the Food and Drugs Acts, 1938-1950, is carried out by the Surrey County Council.

The County Medical Officer has kindly supplied the following table of work done in the Chertsey Urban District during 1959: —

| Articles                      | Analysed  |           |           | Adulterated or Irregular |          |          |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|----------|----------|
|                               | Formal    | Informal  | Total     | Formal                   | Informal | Total    |
| Bread ...                     | 2         | —         | 2         | —                        | —        | —        |
| Butter ...                    | 3         | —         | 3         | —                        | —        | —        |
| Crab, dressed ...             | 5         | —         | 5         | 1                        | —        | 1        |
| Ice Cream ...                 | 3         | —         | 3         | —                        | —        | —        |
| Infant Foods ...              | —         | 6         | 6         | —                        | —        | —        |
| Margarine ...                 | 2         | —         | 2         | —                        | —        | —        |
| Meat, cooked and prepared ... | 3         | 1         | 4         | 1                        | —        | 1        |
| Milk ...                      | 57        | 12        | 69        | —                        | —        | —        |
| Soft Drink ...                | 1         | —         | 1         | —                        | —        | —        |
| <b>TOTAL ...</b>              | <b>76</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>2</b>                 | <b>—</b> | <b>2</b> |

## PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

### Scarlet Fever.

Twelve cases were notified. Eight cases occurred in January at a residential boys' college. The outbreak was easily controlled by the usual measure of throat swabbing and isolation of carriers. The remaining seven cases occurred at separate schools throughout the year.

The disease ran a mild uncomplicated course, only one case being admitted to hospital for administrative reasons.

### Diphtheria.

No cases were notified.

This is the fourteenth consecutive year in which no cases have occurred in children up to school leaving age. This remarkable success has been achieved mainly by two injections of prophylatic at a month's interval, beginning at about eight months of age and followed by a single booster dose on entering school and a second four years later. It should be remembered that the immunity cannot be guaranteed for more than five years following the last injection, so the supplementary doses at four years interval are required during school age.

The following figures give the Immunity Index at the end of 1959, showing the percentage of children who have, within the last five years, received either their first course of injections or a subsequent reinforcing dose.

| Immunity Index |           |            |                |
|----------------|-----------|------------|----------------|
| Under 1 year   | 1-4 years | 5-14 years | Under 15 years |
| 18.5%          | 75.9%     | 50.4%      | 55.5%          |

Details of the number of children immunised during the year are as follows:—

|                    |     |     |     |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Primary injections | ... | ... | 711 |
| Reinforcing doses  | ... | ... | 492 |

### Poliomyelitis.

No cases were notified. One suspected case was treated in hospital, in a male patient of 38 years. Poliomyelitis was not confirmed.

### Vaccination against Poliomyelitis.

Approximately 91 per cent of school and pre-school children had received a course of three injections by the end of the year.

In the age group 16 to 26 years it is estimated that 49 per cent were undergoing a course of vaccination.

All the larger factories in the district were visited and inoculations carried out. There was a good response during the summer months, and it is estimated that approximately 62 per cent of the employees were being vaccinated.

### **Vaccination against Smallpox.**

Vaccination is usually required prior to travel to foreign countries and is an essential personal protection in countries where smallpox is endemic.

Notifications have been received of the following vaccinations carried out:—

|                     |     |     |     |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Primary vaccination | ... | ... | 608 |
| Re-vaccination      | ... | ... | 148 |

No complications were reported in any case of vaccination.

### **Measles.**

Four hundred and sixty-four cases of measles were notified. There has been an outbreak of this disease during the last three years, mainly in the 5-10 year age group. Six cases were admitted to hospital—four from caravan sites. All cases made a good uncomplicated recovery, with the exception of one case which was complicated with pneumonia in a child of 5 years.

### **Whooping Cough.**

Five cases were notified, one being transferred from a general hospital to the infectious diseases hospital. All cases made a good recovery.

Details of children immunised during the year are as follows:—

|                    |     |     |     |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Primary injections | ... | ... | 595 |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|

### **Dysentery.**

Four cases of Flexner Dysentery were notified, all being resident in an institution for mental defectives.

### **Pneumonia.**

Forty-two cases were notified, twenty-two being cases of primary pneumonia and twenty post influenzal pneumonia.

### **Puerperal Pyrexia**

The pyrexia in this notified case was due to bronchitis.



### Meningococcal Infection.

This case—a child of 4 years—was notified from a local hospital and made a good recovery. The child was not a resident of Chertsey.

### Acute Encephalitis.

This was a severe case following measles which eventually made a good recovery in the hospital from which it was notified. The case was admitted from outside the district.

### Notifiable Infectious Diseases.

| Disease                                     |     |     |     |     |     | Total<br>Cases<br>Notified |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------------------|
| Smallpox                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —                          |
| Scarlet Fever                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12                         |
| Diphtheria                                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —                          |
| Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid Fever) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —                          |
| Puerperal Pyrexia                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1                          |
| Pneumonia                                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 42                         |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —                          |
| Erysipelas                                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —                          |
| Malaria                                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —                          |
| Acute Encephalitis                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1                          |
| Measles                                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 464                        |
| Whooping Cough                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5                          |
| Meningococcal Infection                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1                          |
| Dysentery                                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4                          |
| Poliomyelitis—paralytic                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —                          |
| Poliomyelitis—non-paralytic                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —                          |
| Food Poisoning                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —                          |



**able Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis).**  
**ording to Age Groups.**

| AGE                  |     | Smallpox | Scarlet Fever | Diphtheria | Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid Fever) | Puerperal Pyrexia | Pneumonia | Erysipelas | Measles | Whooping Cough | Dysentery | Poliomyelitis—paralytic | Poliomyelitis—non-paralytic | Ophthalmia Neonatorum | Meningococcal Infection | Encephalitis | Malaria | Food Poisoning |
|----------------------|-----|----------|---------------|------------|---|-------------------|-----------|------------|---------|----------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------|----------------|
| 1 year ...           | ... | —        | —             | —          | —   | —                 | —         | —          | 12      | —              | —         | —                       | —                           | —                     | —                       | —            | —       | —              |
| 2 years ...          | ... | —        | —             | —          | —   | —                 | —         | —          | 36      | 1              | —         | —                       | —                           | —                     | —                       | —            | —       | —              |
| 3 years ...          | ... | —        | —             | —          | —   | —                 | —         | —          | 49      | —              | —         | —                       | —                           | —                     | —                       | —            | —       | —              |
| 4 years ...          | ... | —        | —             | —          | —   | —                 | 1         | —          | 48      | 1              | —         | —                       | —                           | —                     | —                       | —            | —       | —              |
| 5 years ...          | ... | —        | —             | —          | —   | —                 | —         | —          | 43      | —              | —         | —                       | —                           | —                     | 1                       | —            | —       | —              |
| 6 years ...          | ... | —        | 5             | —          | —   | —                 | 5         | —          | 244     | 1              | —         | —                       | —                           | —                     | —                       | —            | —       | —              |
| 7 years ...          | ... | —        | 4             | —          | —   | —                 | —         | —          | 27      | —              | —         | —                       | —                           | —                     | —                       | 1            | —       | —              |
| 8 years ...          | ... | —        | 3             | —          | —   | —                 | 1         | —          | 2       | —              | 2         | —                       | —                           | —                     | —                       | —            | —       | —              |
| 9 years ...          | ... | —        | —             | —          | —   | 1                 | 4         | —          | 1       | —              | 2         | —                       | —                           | —                     | —                       | —            | —       | —              |
| 10 years ...         | ... | —        | —             | —          | —   | —                 | 8         | —          | 2       | —              | —         | —                       | —                           | —                     | —                       | —            | —       | —              |
| 11 years ...         | ... | —        | —             | —          | —   | —                 | 14        | —          | —       | —              | —         | —                       | —                           | —                     | —                       | —            | —       | —              |
| 12 years and upwards | ... | —        | —             | —          | —   | —                 | 9         | —          | —       | —              | —         | —                       | —                           | —                     | —                       | —            | —       | —              |
| Unidentified         | ... | —        | —             | —          | —   | —                 | —         | —          | —       | 2              | —         | —                       | —                           | —                     | —                       | —            | —       | —              |
| TOTAL ...            | ... | —        | 12            | —          | —   | 1                 | 42        | —          | 464     | 5              | 4         | —                       | —                           | —                     | 1                       | 1            | —       | —              |

**Non-notifiable Infectious Diseases.**

The following cases occurred in Elementary Schools and Day Nurseries: —

| Disease        | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | April | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
|----------------|------|------|------|-------|-----|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|
| Chickenpox ... | 7    | 7    | 1    | 1     | —   | —    | —    | —    | —     | —    | —    | —    |
| Mumps ...      | 6    | 3    | 1    | —     | 1   | —    | —    | —    | —     | —    | —    | 1    |
| German Measles | —    | —    | —    | —     | 2   | —    | 1    | —    | —     | —    | —    | —    |

## Tuberculosis.

### New Cases and Mortality.

| Age Groups  |     | New Cases |    |               |    | Deaths    |    |               |    |
|-------------|-----|-----------|----|---------------|----|-----------|----|---------------|----|
|             |     | Pulmonary |    | Non-Pulmonary |    | Pulmonary |    | Non-Pulmonary |    |
|             |     | M.        | F. | M.            | F. | M.        | F. | M.            | F. |
| 0-1 year    | ... | —         | —  | —             | —  | —         | —  | —             | —  |
| 1-5 years   | ... | —         | —  | —             | —  | —         | —  | —             | —  |
| 5-15 years  | ... | —         | —  | —             | —  | —         | —  | —             | —  |
| 15-25 years | ... | 1         | 3  | —             | —  | 1         | —  | —             | —  |
| 25-35 years | ... | 5         | 1  | —             | —  | —         | 1  | —             | —  |
| 35-45 years | ... | 2         | —  | —             | —  | —         | —  | —             | —  |
| 45-55 years | ... | 2         | —  | —             | —  | —         | —  | —             | —  |
| 55-65 years | ... | —         | —  | —             | —  | —         | —  | —             | —  |
| 65 upwards  | ... | —         | —  | —             | —  | —         | —  | —             | —  |
| TOTAL ...   |     | 10        | 4  | —             | —  | 1         | 1  | —             | —  |

Cases added to register during year:—

|   |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| New cases                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14 |
| Transfer into district                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 |
| Cases removed from register during year | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 49 |

Total on register at end of year:—

|                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Pulmonary—Males           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 164 |
| Females                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 140 |
| Non-Pulmonary—Males       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12  |
| Females                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17  |
| Net decrease for the year | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12  |

Steps are immediately taken to follow up deaths of persons whose tuberculous disease was not notified during life. Enquiries are made into the reason for failure of notification, disinfection is carried out in the home and the contacts are examined. One such case was discovered during the year, the disease being diagnosed on post mortem examination.

### Home Conditions.

The Medical Officer of Health has detailed knowledge of the home conditions of all persons notified to him as suffering from tuberculosis from personal visits as well as from reports from the Health Visitor. He is thus in a position to advise on the housing requirements of the family concerned. The patient should be isolated at least to the extent of having a bedroom to himself. Advice is given on the

necessity of strict precautions as to proper disposal of sputum and on general matters of hygiene.

### **Tuberculosis Care Committee.**

The local area Care Committee includes the Chertsey district in its sphere of activities. It helps tuberculous persons and their families who require assistance and advice. Cases were helped during the year with extra nourishment, clothing, household necessities and handi-craft materials. Children who were contacts with active cases at home were provided with seaside and country holidays.

### **Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.**

No action was necessary under these Regulations regarding tuberculous employees in the milk trade.

### **Public Health Act, 1936, Section 172.**

No action was needed for the compulsory removal to hospital of infectious persons suffering from tuberculosis whose lodging or accommodation prevented the adoption of proper precautions in the control of the disease.

### **B.C.G. Vaccination, 1956.**

This form of protection against tuberculosis is now available to school children in their 14th year, as well as to child contacts of active tuberculosis.

The tuberculin test is used to indicate whether the child is susceptible to tuberculosis, and if so found B.C.G. vaccination is carried out.

About fifty-eight per cent of local school children aged 13 to 14 years were so treated.

